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Applicant seeks a reissue of U.S. Patent 5,940,464 by way of narrowing claim 1. The same patent was subject to reexamination under 90/005,589 that has been examined recently and for which a NIRC was issued on 10/02/08. The NIRC cancels claim 1, and therefore the reissue being currently requested is now moot.

If applicant would like to pursue the reissue, it has to be based on the claims in the application after said reexamination. In this regard, applicant must file an amendment to the previously-filed reissue to cause the claims to be identical to those after reexamination, i.e., as they appear on the reexamination certificate.

Most importantly, applicant must still have an error on which reissue can be based, i.e., there must still be an error, even after the reexamination, on which the applicant can base the reissue. If the reexamination "corrected" the original error, applicant needs to identify another error as basis for the requested reissue.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rick Palabrica whose telephone number is 571-272-6880. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00-4:30, Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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